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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller
SUBJECT : BOB Reduction in DDS FY 68
Funds for Career Trainees

1. The budget submitted for FY 68 by DDS/CTR to fund the Career Training Program [redacted] was reduced by BOB in the amount of \$751,000. Of the latter amount, a total of \$272,500 is, per the attached, the subject of a separate appeal by DDS. Although the proposed reduction in funds (\$478,500) for FY 68, i.e., the difference between the entire amount of the BOB reduction and the amount DDS is appealing, is characterized by BOB as having been allocated for CT language training purposes, we wish to point out that this is misleading. In fact, the reduction is based on a BOB misapprehension about the specific use originally intended for the funds. To make a long story short, the amount of \$478,500 represents the salary, and not the language training costs, for approximately 140 Clandestine Services CT's who were, by DDS/DDP agreement, scheduled to remain on OTR rolls an additional six months to accommodate the terminal segment of their two-year training period, i.e., the six-month segment to be devoted to language training. It was a matter of administrative convenience that dictated the decision to have DDS/CTR budget for the six months add-on and not the DDP. Be advised that OTR maintains that funds for CT language training will in any event be available in FY 68. Therefore, the problem is purely one of providing salaries for the 140 CT's involved, for which the DDP did not program funds. This need must be met whether the CT's take language training or not.

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2. We do not believe that it was BOB's intent to eliminate the language training program for CT's, to eliminate

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these salaries, or to reduce our authorized cadre of CT's. Needless to say, these Career Trainees, who are either already on board or are in final stages of employment processing, represent an elite group to whom we have extended very firm career commitments.

3. It is requested, therefore, that C/PPB make available for FY 68 to the DDP the sum of \$478,500 to guarantee salary payments to this group of officers, because funds have not otherwise been earmarked for this purpose anywhere in the Agency budget.

4. Should our assumption with regard to DCB intentions prove incorrect, then we will appeal the reduction in the strongest possible terms. The need to continue our current approved levels of CT acquisitions is well known to the DCI. As for CT language training, it remains a very important element in the overall two-year CT training program approved by the DCI on 25 August 1966.

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Chief, Missions and Programs Staff

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